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Special Act No. 07-5

**AN ACT COMPENSATING JAMES C. TILLMAN FOR HIS
WRONGFUL CONVICTION AND INCARCERATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 53 of the general statutes, the Comptroller is directed to draw her order on the Treasurer in favor of James Calvin Tillman for the sum of five million dollars as full and final settlement of all claims of James Calvin Tillman against the state and any political subdivision of the state, and any officer, agent, employee or official thereof, including claims for loss of liberty and enjoyment of life, loss of income, loss of future earnings, physical injury, mental pain and suffering, psychological injury and loss of familial relationships, arising out of, or in any way related to, his arrest, prosecution, conviction and incarceration from 1988 to 2006 for the crimes of kidnapping and sexual assault, which crimes he did not commit and which convictions were vacated and the charges dismissed on July 11, 2006, provided James Calvin Tillman, for and in consideration of the payment of such sum, shall execute a release of liability on behalf of himself and his heirs, successors and assigns, in such form as may be prescribed by the Attorney General, releasing and forever discharging the state of Connecticut and any political subdivision of the state, and any officer, agent, employee or official thereof, from every claim, demand, action,

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cause of action or liability of whatever nature, whether known or unknown, at law or in equity, and whether under federal, state or common law, which James Calvin Tillman ever had, now has or could have in the future arising out of, or in any way related to, such arrest, prosecution, conviction and incarceration. Any payment received pursuant to this act shall be exempt from the tax imposed under chapter 229 of the general statutes.

Approved May 21, 2007